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SUBJ: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO:

BRUCE JULIUS SASSO

REF: STATE 194199

ALLEGATION OF TORTURE/ABUSE AT TIME OF ARREST.

PER CONSULAR FILE MARCH 26, 1975 DURING FIRST CONOFF VISIT,

PRISONER ALLEGED THAT AT TIME OF ARREST MARCH 21, 1975 HE

"SCREWED UP" STATEMENT TO FEDERAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY BECAUSE

INTERPRETER KEPT ADDING THINGS. PRISONER SAID HE "SHOULDN'T

HAVE SIGNED IT." SASSO ALSO MADE COMMENT THAT THEY "DIDN'T

REALLY ROUGH HIM UP" AND HE DID NOT WISH TO MAKE A COMPLAINT.

PER CONOFF FILE APRIL 19, 1975 SASSO ESCAPED MARCH 27 AND WAS

RECAPTURED APRIL 4. PRISONER REPORTED TO CONOFF THAT HE WAS

PLEASANTLY SURPRISED AT HIS TREATMENT IN THAT THEY HAVE HIM

"A FEW POKES" BUT NO COMPLAINT AS HE HAD EXPECTED WORSE.

CONSULAR FILES INDICATES CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST FROM SENATOR

EDWARD KENNEDY AND CONGRESSMAN MICHAEL HARRINGTON. SEE CABLE

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